

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. In view of this Amendment reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bennett. Applicant traverses the Examiner's finding of obviousness and believes the cited art does not teach or suggest the claimed invention as amended herein.

Bennett describes a method and system for computer based calculation using a calcsheet similar to a spread sheet on a personal computer. The rows and columns in the calcsheet have number fields (including formulas), numbers and comments (see Figure 4).

In contrast, the present invention introduces an improved user interface to allow the user to enter real-time data and observe the results. The invention allows the user to display and modify a two dimensional grid of real-time data on the screen. For example, claim 1 as amended includes the limitation that "the numbers displayed in the cells .. represent a common property." The invention allows the user to see the data represented by rows and columns of numbers that are associated with a common property such as temperature or population. The word quantity was amended to property to more clearly correspond to the description of the invention on page 5.

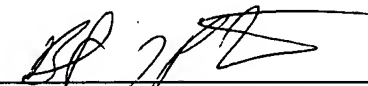
In all the figures of the cited art, the rows and columns of data are associated with different items such as apples, oranges and bananas. A row may be concerned with a common item or property, but not rows and columns.

The cited art does not appear to teach or suggest this limitation.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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